

## **HUMAN SERVICES & HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

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## **Dodge County Public Health Moves Back to Phase 2**

Dodge County, WI: As of February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021, Dodge County has seen 11,389 confirmed cases of COVID 19, with 125 currently active. Over the last few weeks we have seen a downward trajectory in the percentage of positives case and numbers per day of positive cases.

In response to decreasing Covid-19 activity and decreasing hospitalizations, Dodge County will move to Phase 2. Phase 2 recommendations include:

- Limiting capacity in "non-essential" businesses, bars, restaurants and organizations to 50%
- Events held outdoors should allow for all people to maintain 6 feet physical distance from others
- If community members choose to gather socially, private indoor social gathering should be limited to 50 people or less with physical distancing

"Key coronavirus data supports movement to Phase II in Dodge County," said Abby Sauer, Public Health Officer, "but COVID 19 is present in Dodge County and Public Health urges caution and asks the community to continue preventive measures."

Public health asks that all Community members continue to:

- **Limiting your bubble.** Consider how many people you are seeing day to day. The more people you socialize with, the greater the chance you will be exposed or will expose others. By limiting your social circle to less people, you will lower your risk and the risk of others.
- **Caution high risk populations:** People age 65 and older and those who are medically vulnerable should continue to limit travel and remain at home as much as possible.
- **Continuing to participate virtually.** Work from home if possible and attend events, services, and performances virtually.
- **Getting tested if you need it.** Through your medical provider or community test sites.
- Continuing to maintain prevention measures. Stay home when you're sick or feel off, stay six feet from people you don't live with, wear a face covering when you can't maintain distance, cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or your elbow, and wash your hands and use hand sanitizer often.

The community is encouraged to visit the Dodge County website for latest guidance and resources: www.co.dodge.wi.gov

For general questions, the public may call the Dodge County Public Health COVID-19 Hotline: 920-386-4304.

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